

MICHIGAN MUSEUM ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 325 of 1990

399.408 Maritime museum; funding assistance.

Sec. 108.

(1) In order to assist the funding of the maritime museum, the department may do all of the following:

(a) Charge a reasonable admission fee for entry into the maritime museum. The fee shall be established by the secretary of state and shall be reviewed annually.

(b) Establish and administer a retail sales store at the maritime museum. The maritime museum store may acquire and sell items that pertain to the collections maintained at the maritime museum or to the purpose of the maritime museum, or both. Items sold by the maritime museum store may be acquired by purchase, gift, or consignment and may be sold on a commission basis. The department is exempt from the provisions of section 261 of the management and budget act, Act No. 431 of the Public Acts of 1984, being section 18.1261 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, when acquiring items intended for resale in the maritime museum store. A charge shall be established for each item offered for sale. The charge may include markups and discounts that are commensurate with industry practice. The department may accept cash, check, or credit card payments as compensation for items sold and shall determine which credit cards will be accepted for payment. The department may establish accounts in credit card banks for the deposit of credit card sales invoices and to pay discounts and service charges in connection with the use of credit cards. The department may purchase and place advertisements concerning items offered for sale at the maritime museum store. The maritime museum store may utilize the services of high school cooperative students and volunteers.

(c) Establish and operate a snack bar or other food and beverage service at the maritime museum and make reasonable charges for the items sold. The department may enter into agreements with a contractor or concessionaire to operate food and beverage concessions at the maritime museum. A food and beverage concession agreement entered into under authority of this subdivision shall require each contractor or concessionaire to conduct his or her business in good taste and in keeping with the theme of the maritime museum.

(2) The money collected under this section and section 105 shall be credited to a revolving fund that is created in the state treasury and shall be known as the Michigan maritime museum trust fund. Except as provided in subsection (3), money deposited in the maritime museum trust fund shall be used to defray the costs of operating the maritime museum, to purchase maritime museum store items, and for making capital and other substantial improvements to the maritime museum facilities. The department shall administer the maritime museum trust fund. The money in the maritime museum trust fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the maritime museum trust fund.

(3) The sum of not to exceed \$37,500.00 is appropriated from the general fund to the department for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1991, for operational expenses of the Michigan maritime museum.

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